

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

[0046] When the user releases the pressure on actuation member 17, the valve element 5 returns to the intermediate position due to the biasing force of spring 15, but is limited in its movement from the intermediate position to the first position by a second stop 22 [[21]] or second locking means. Thus, reaching of the first position and refilling of metering chamber 6 are prevented in the discharge state, i.e., in the present embodiment in this rotational state of the actuation member 17 relative to the locking element 18. In this state, the actuation member 17 and valve element 5 can be depressed and released alternately multiple times in order to alternate between the intermediate position and the second position to discharge only one metered dose of liquid 4 in multiple steps or discontinuously, as desired.